



*Mother*  
*La Verne Pillars Reed*

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**December 7th, 1924**

**Musical Sunset:**  
**April 17th, 2016**

Monday, the twenty fifth of April,  
Two Thousand Sixteen  
Eleven o'clock in the morning

**Providence Baptist Church**  
**314 South 12th Street**  
**Richmond, California**



## Obituary

Mother Reed, as she was so fondly known by many, was born December 7, 1924 in North Little Rock, Arkansas. She is the fourth child of Hayes and Ora Pillars. She was baptized at the age of ten after joining the First Baptist Church of North Little, under the pastorage of Rev. S.J. Williams

She graduated from Scipio A. Jones High School in 1942 and went on to obtain a B.A. Degree from Philander Smith College, a Master's Degree from the University of Arkansas and advanced studies at U.C. Berkeley. She majored in music and minored in elementary education. She taught for twenty-five years in Arkansas before moving to California.

Her dear friend Mary McGuire (now deceased) encouraged her to move to California where she met and married Albert Reed in 1972. She joined the staff of West Contra Costa United School District and worked for eighteen years as a music teacher before retiring.

Mother Reed joined the Providence Baptist Church in 1972 with Rev. E. Brocks as pastor. She was a member of the Mothers/Deaconess Board, served in the music department, founded a Life Support Group, served as director of the Tape Ministry, and was a musician for the Male Chorus.

Mother Reed was also known for her love of cooking. Her home was never lacking the invitation of a down home, true soul food meal with desserts, of course, and with the perfect touch of laughter and love.

She will forever be remembered for her dedication to help others by educating, inspiring and encouraging each of us to reach for the stars and achieve our dreams.

She is preceded in death by her husband Albert, mother and father, five brothers (Forrest, Hayes, Charles, Herbert and Garland), step-daughter Dorothy Anita Gray, and God-Daughter, Muriel Anderson (Samuel Anderson, Jr.)

Mother Reed is survived by Sister-in-Law: Mrs. Lois Pillars, Nieces: Terri Carter (Grady); Kimberly Lyman (George); Shelly Woods (Tony); and Great Niece: Yvette Ross (John); **Step children:** Willie Bryant (Brenda), Richard Reed, and Barbara Cunningham (James);

**Grandchildren:** William Bryant, Perry Bryant, Marquitta Bryant Stubbs, Errol Reed, Rochelle Reed, Juanita Johnson, Teri White, Shalita Tillman, Jeanna-e Brooks, Albert Cunningham, J'Nette King and A'Nette Talley, Petenia Anderson, Phyllis Purvis, Kamau Anderson; **Grand Nieces:** L'oreal Emokpaire, Alexa Emokpaire, Jackie Woods, Kendall Lyman; **God-Children:** Aniece Jackson, April Russell, Derrick Jackson, Jr. Earnestine Holmes, Gina Wright and J D Wright; **Cousins:** Samuel Raynor (Velva), Delois Davis (Wardell), Lisa Siverand (John), Imma Lang, Aretha Aycox; **Dear Friends:** Alberta Miller, Genny Webbs and Reverend Wanda Shannon; and a host of other family and friends, including members of her beloved Providence Baptist Church.



## ~Memories~

For Mom: The most loving, giving and charitable person I had the chance of knowing, you will always be remembered, Love Richard

I will remember her as God-Fearing, Strong, Giving and Helpful,  
Aniece Jackson

## Order of Service

Pastor Albert Cobbs, Jr. – Providence Baptist Church - Officiate

Processional.....Clergy and Family  
"Someone Who Cares"

Old Testament Reading.....Reverend Fred Brown  
New Testament Reading .....Pastor Shamar Lewis

Prayer.....Minister Terry Brown

Musical Selection....."We Are Our Heavenly Father's Children"

Family Acknowledgment/Resolution(s)..... Ms. Isabel Emerson

Expressions (two minutes, please)

Deacon Archie Barnes

Mr. Willie Bryant

Ms. Shirley Cotton

Ms. April Russell

Mrs. Yvette Ross

Mrs. Lois Pillars

Mrs. Shelly Pillars Woods

Musical Selection..... Read obituary silently  
"The Last Mile of the Way"

Words of Comfort.....Pastor Albert Cobbs, Jr.

Recessional..... McNary-Williams-Jackson Mortuary

Please join the family at the Providence Baptist Church for the  
Repast following the burial.





## *Active Pullbearers*

Providence Baptist Church Deacons/Officers

## *Honorary Flower Bearers*

Providence Baptist Church

## *Honorary Pullbearers*

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In lieu of flowers, the family would like to request donations be sent to Richmond Rescue Mission, Alzheimer's Foundation or Providence Baptist Church

## *Final Resting Place*

Rolling Hills Memorial Park  
4100 Hilltop Drive, Richmond, California 94803

## *Final Arrangements Entrusted*

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